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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY FOR OAS SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. YESTERDAY, DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR, HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE OAS SECRETARY GENERAL. DE LA FLOR EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL CARLOS GARCIA BEDOYA WOULD BE ELECTED. FONMIN CLAIMED THAT GARCIA WAS UNAWARE THAT GOP IS ADVANCING HIS CANDIDACY, PRESUMABLY TO HELP THE LATTER SAVE FACE IF REJECTED. DE LA FLOR DECLARED THAT PANAMA, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR SUPPORT PERUVIAN CANDIDATE AND THAT HE IS HOPEFUL OF OBTAINING BENEZUELAN SUPPORT DURING HIS VISIT TO CARACAS THIS WEEKEND (RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMEMORATING ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLES IN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE). DE LA FLOR RULED OUT SAPENA PASTOR AS COMING FROM THE WRONG COUNTRY (PARAGUAY) AND STATED THAT ARGENTINE CANDIDACY NOT SERIOUS.

2. DE LA FLOR REPEATED TO ME WHAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD WAS US POSITION THAT WE HAD AS YET MADE NO COMMITMENT REGARDING ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDACY FOR OAS SECRETARY-GENERAL.

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3. COMMENT: AS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS OF PERU'S

AGGRESSIVE, THIRD WORLD POLICIES, GARCIA BEDOYA COULD
BE COUNTED UPON TO GIVE THE OAS AGGRESSIVE, NATIONAL-
ISTIC LEADERSHIP. GOP WILL PROBABLY GIVE STRONG
BACKING TO GARCIA BEDOYA CANDIDACY AND CONTINUE
ATTEMPTS TO ELICIT SUPPORT OF OTHER MEMBERS STATES,
INCLUDING STRIVING FOR BANDWAGON PSYCHOLOGY FOR
GARCIA BEDOYA'S CANDIDACY.
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